Delaware should remain a leader for a sustainable future. Reducing fossil fuels in favor of clean, renewable energy creates jobs, cleans our air, improves our health and builds our economy.

**Myth:** Raising Delaware’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 40% renewable energy by 2035 is too difficult to achieve.

**Fact:** Our major utility, Delmarva, has already stated on record that their long-term contracts will expire around the time of the scheduled increases, making this highly achievable and sustainable.

Delaware has an RPS of 25% renewable energy by 2025, and we’re ahead of schedule. Meanwhile, other states have significantly higher goals. Maryland increased to 50% by 2030, with a goal of 100% clean energy by 2040; New Jersey’s requires 50% by 2030; Washington, DC 100% by 2032; Virginia is set for 100% by 2045. Delaware needs to take action now to increase our RPS – we need new solar jobs and we are falling behind!

**Myth:** Raising Delaware’s RPS will cause economic hardship for Delaware families.

**Fact:** Wind and solar have been falling in price and have become less expensive than fossil fuels in many areas. As renewable energy becomes more widely adopted the costs will continue to go down. All economic signals point to the fact that as our utility contracts expire, the costs for renewables will be significantly cheaper than they are right now, in an already competitive position compared to fossil fuels.

It is also important to weigh the cost of the negative health outcomes that come with the continued usage of fossil fuels. Medical debt is one of the primary reasons in the US for bankruptcy.

**Myth:** Delaware power companies just buy renewable energy credits from large wind farms in other states.

**Fact:** Delaware’s RPS includes a “solar carve out” and will now include a "Community Solar carve out," both of which have to be met by in-state production. Additionally, any megawatt of electricity that is used to meet Delaware’s renewable energy requirements is offsetting one that would have come from dirty fossil fuels that harm our air and health.

**Myth:** Delaware will lose jobs.

**Fact:** Renewable energy creates jobs. There are 54 solar companies in the state, with tremendous growth ahead. Tourism is currently Delaware’s 4th largest industry, bringing in billions of dollars annually, and a majority of that tourism relies on clean and healthy beaches and bayshore. Pollution and sea level rise threaten this key economic engine for our state. Clean energy can help ensure a bright and economically sound future for Delaware.

Please tell your state legislators that you support A Stronger RPS For A Stronger Delaware

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